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VEHICLE AXLE SYSTEM

Abstract of the Disclosure

The invention relates to a vehicle axle system with an oscillating axle upon which has rotatable wheels mounted thereon. A torque tube has one end connected to a frame of the vehicle and a second end joined to the axle to form a suspension for the axle. The wheels are driven by an electric drive mounted on the axle. The electric drive is supplied by power lines which are protected from damage. Electrical system components are mounted on or in the torque tube.